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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, Second Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 01-39-Assented-To Joint Request for Extension of Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

By this letter Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon MA"), on behalf of itself and Covad, respectfully requests that the Department extend the current procedural schedule in the above-referenced proceeding for all parties by three weeks to September 19, 2001. This extension will permit the parties to continue to pursue possible settlement. Counsel for AT&T has indicated that AT&T does not oppose an extension to that date, subject to the condition that this be the last extension for the filing of surrebuttal testimony. Covad and Verizon MA agree to that condition. Accordingly, Verizon MA and Covad respectfully request that the Department enter an order to this effect.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Keefe B. Clemons

Enclosure

cc: Jesse Reyes, Esquire, Hearing Officer
Tina Chin, Esquire, Hearing Officer
Michael Isenberg, Esquire, Director-Telecommunications Division
Attached Service List

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